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AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

C O N F I D E N T I A L CONAKRY 0128

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DEPARTURE OF ZAIRE AMBASSADOR AND STAFF

REF: CONAKRY 0114 (EXDIS)

1. ZAIRE AMBASSADOR KITITWA HAS NOW CIRCULATED PERSONAL LETTER TO MISSION CHIEFS IN CONAKRY, FREETOWN, AND BISSAU (WHERE HE ACCREDITED) STATING THAT HE WOULD SOON LEAVE CONAKRY. EXPRESSES HOPE THAT MISSION CHIEFS WILL MAINTAIN GOOD AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH HIS "FUTURE SUCCESSOR".

2. AMBASSADOR KITITWA'S FAMILY EXPECTED LEAVE THIS WEEK. AS NOTED REFTEL, AMBASSADOR TOLD CHARGE HE WOULD DEPART BEFORE END OF MONTH. ZAIRE COUNSELOR MONKOLO HAS ALSO TOLD EMBOFF HE WOULD SOON BE LEAVING AS WELL.

3. MONKOLO ALSO TOLD US THAT EMBASSY VEHICLES WOULD BE SENT TO FREETOWN. HE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT ZAIRE EMBASSY WOULD RE-OPEN THERE RATHER THAN CONAKRY "IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS".

4. REGULAR WEEKLY AIR ZAIRE FLIGHT, PASSING THROUGH CONAKRY SUNDAYS AND MONDAYS, WAS CANCELLED THIS WEEK. NO OFFICIAL INFOR-

MATION AVAILABLE THROUGH AIRLINE SOURCES ABOUT FUTURE FLIGHTS.

5. COMMENT: KITITWA, IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THIS EMBASSY AND OTHER MISSIONS, HAS MADE NO ATTEMPT TO HIDE HIS
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VERY BAD RELATIONS WITH GOG. THIS SITUATION PRECEDED ANGOLAN

CRISIS BUT WAS CERTAINLY SERIOUSLY AGGRAVATED BY IT. ZAIRE
EMBASSY HAS KEPT ON CONTINUOUS POLEMICAL EXCHANGE WITH GOG
THROUGH CIRCULAR DIPLOMATIC NOTE, ON EACH OCCASION SEKOU
TOURE OR GUINEAN RADIO HAS ATTACKED PRESIDENT MOBUTU OR
ZAIRE POLICY. KITITWA HAS PROVEN HIMSELF AN EXCELLENT EXPONENT
OF HIS COUNTRIES POLICIES AND A SKILLFUL POLEMICIST WHO PROB-
ABLY ON OCCASION HAS GOTTEN UNDER SKIN OF SEKOU TOURE. HE
HAS ALSO BEEN VERY GOOD FRIEND OF THIS MISSION, AND HE WILL
CERTAINLY BE MISSED.
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